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News in brief

Romulus man wins \$1 million

David Grzesik of Romulus began his Labor Day weekend in style when he won \$1 million in the Michigan Lottery Glittering 7s drawing at Arts, Beats and Eats in Pontiac on Friday night. Grzesik was one of five finalists who were randomly selected from hundreds of thousands of people who submitted a non-winning ticket from the Glittering 7s series, which included Sapphire Blue 7s, Ruby Red 7s and Emerald Green 7s. Grzesik and his fellow finalists each won \$10,000 when they were selected for the final drawing. Other finalists in the drawing, who each earned a \$5,000 appearance fee for participating in the Friday night event, were Roberta Houston of Lexington, Mark Sova of Holland, Ed Kozlowski of Alpena and Christine Wilbur of Manistee. More than 95 cents of every dollar spent on lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to retailers. In 2007, the contribution to schools was \$748.9 million. Since it began in 1972, the lottery has contributed more than \$14.3 billion to education in Michigan.

Animal rescue owners seek donations

The Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue will be adding to their current shelter in September, but are still seeking donations. The addition will mean a rest room for volunteers, more storage and an office, along with a 1,200 square foot barn on Rawsonville Road in Augusta Township, donated by M. Shapiro Development Co. of Farmington Hills. However, there are still things necessary to get the property ready for the barn, according to owners Pete and Marcy LaFramboise. A furnace from All Star Heating and Cooling of Belleville has also been donated, but the animal rescue is in need of materials for the addition on the current shelter, as well as adding walls and a lavatory at the new cat shelter. The rescue operation still needs: cement, lumber, hardware, windows, exterior doors, interior doors, toilets, vanities with sinks, tile, inside plumbing, paint, drywall, insulation and floor drains. The owners said without donations for the material they would not have enough money in the shelter savings to buy everything needed and to take care of the medical and housing needs of the animals. In the past the couple has subsidized the operation, but they have also run out of funds to help, they said. The Friends of Michigan Animal Rescue has sent out donation packets asking for help from local businesses hoping for donations as well, but the need is great, LaFramboise said.

If anyone wants to donate or has extra material to donate, contact LaFramboise at (734) 461-9458.

— News briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

School ballot proposals tax neutral

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus school district leaders are asking voters to approve a package of tax levy proposals that, if approved, will not cost voters any additional money.

The package of ballot questions — which will be voted on in November — would provide funding to operate the school district and make repairs on buildings, said Superintendent Carl Weiss, who spoke about the levies last week.

"This is part of our funding, and it's important that it's approved," he said. "We are more than willing to explain to voters how this will work."

No extra taxes

The three ballot proposals are as follows:

The non-homestead renewal is levied on businesses, rental property, apartments and other non-residential properties, and is not paid by homeowners. The proposal voters will be asked to approve will restore the non-homestead tax from 17.5 to 18 mills. This will generate about \$350,000 of revenue to the schools. Though voters are not responsible for paying the funds, they are asked to approve it periodically to prevent inflationary reductions that decrease the tax. The tax will not increase the amount of taxes to Romulus residents.

The homestead renewal is the portion paid by residents. The school district is seeking to

maintain the current homestead property tax levy at 8.99 mills. This tax provides necessary operating capital of about \$3.1 million to operate the school district. This tax will not increase the amount of taxes to Romulus residents.

The sinking fund is a new tax that establishes a fund for capital outlay items such as roofing, heating and cooling equipment, parking lots and sidewalks, technology and security infrastructure. Romulus schools are asking for a 0.75 mill sinking fund for a period of 10 years that will generate about \$1 million in funds that can only be used for physical repairs and improvements to facilities. Though the district

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Back to school

Mayor Alan R. Lambert greets Clarence Rounds and members of St. John's Lodge #44, which hosted a "Back to School Youth Festival" that featured a mobile dental unit. Also on tap for the day was a CHIP (Child Identification Program) that provided parents and guardians the means to quickly get vital information to emergency responders if their child is lost or abducted. St. John's Lodge, Lambert and other community supporters provided school supplies to children at no cost. A special moment in the day was provided when an adult tricycle was donated to Latrice Wafer, who had no other means of transportation.

New airport terminal ready to fly

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A simplified layout and room for growth is part of the new North Terminal, which is under construction at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

The finishing touches on the terminal — which will open Sept. 17, officials said — will mean that the Smith and Berry terminals will be decommissioned, and that passengers flying in and out of Detroit will be able to enjoy a new, brighter, and simpler facility. Michael Conway, the spokesperson for the Wayne County Airport Authority said the new terminal was carefully planned.

"Our goal was to be able to offer passengers a great place to get in and out of quickly, and we've achieved that here," said Conway. "Several man hours have put into this terminal, and it will be exciting to see it completed."

The new terminal will be home to Air Canada, American, AirTran, Frontier, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian, Southwest, Spirit, United, US Airways, and USA 3000, as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others.

New capacity
The \$400 million new terminal

Our goal was to be able to house anyone that wanted to come here, and I think eventually, more airlines will want to come in.

Tom McCarthy

will have 26 gates — far more than are presently needed. However, Tom McCarthy, the project manager of the new terminal, said the facility was conceived with growth in mind.

"You don't want to open a new terminal and then two weeks later be at capacity," he said. "Our goal was to be able to house anyone that wanted to come here, and I think eventually, more airlines will want to come in."

Several convenience features will also be available for passengers' use, including specially equipped air-conditioning hookups so parked aircraft can shut down their engines instead of idling

them, which saves fuel and dollars.

Electronic interactive signs will be displayed that visibly show all incoming and outgoing flights. Also, electrical outlets — twice as many as originally planned, Conway said — have been added so flyers can power up their laptop computers.

Though smaller than the McNamara Terminal, the new terminal boasts quite a few amenities, and will create several thousand job opportunities for area residents, Conway said.

There are more than 30 concessions at the terminal, including Ruby Tuesday, TGI Friday's and the Hockeystown Café, among others. Also, several stores will be opening at the terminal, Conway added.

It's green, too

Special attention was paid to environmental headaches and associated costs during the construction.

The Airport Authority was awarded a \$5.1 million grant for new, low-emissions infrastructure at North Terminal by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to support the airport plan to reduce operational emissions at the site.

"We are delighted that the FAA has recognized DTW's ongoing

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Well licenses revoked

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus officials are praising state action which could halt the operation of two hazardous waste deep injection wells in the city.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) initiated action to revoke the operating license of Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), which means it will be unlikely that the wells be open anytime soon.

Mayor Alan Lambert, an outspoken opponent of the wells, said he's pleased with the development so far.

"It's about time," he said. "I would be against any action that would re-start operations there. It's not the kind of thing we want in our community."

State Sen. Ray Basham (D-Taylor) also lauded the DEQ decision last week.

"Revoking the state operating license for this facility is another nail in the coffin in a lengthy battle against this polluter," said Basham. "Through the efforts of area residents . . . we've been able to close this facility and stop the release of hazardous waste into our beautiful downriver region."

Environmental Disposal Systems, the company that obtained the operating license and spearheaded the building of the wells on Citrin Road, is apparently no longer in business. The phone at the Birmingham offices was disconnected Tuesday.

Without permits, the EDS facility is no longer in compliance with the requirements of the state, allowing the DEQ to proceed with revocation of their state permits.

A long journey

The battle between the city and EDS began about 15 years ago, and has cost the city of Romulus \$1 million in legal fees.

Almost since the inception of the wells, the issue has been a hotbed of discontent for officials and city dwellers, several of whom felt that if there was a leak at the site, the city would not have the immediate capabilities of responding to the site.

However, about three years ago, the DEQ dealt the city what looked like a deathblow by granting a permit to allow EDS to operate the

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On the job

The Romulus Police Department added a new officer when Derran Shelby was sworn into duty Aug. 25. Shelby will serve as a patrolman in the 23,000-resident city. The swearing-in ceremony took place at Romulus City Hall. Shelby (second from the right) is shown with (left to right) Deputy Police Chief Michael St. Andre, Mayor Alan R. Lambert and Deputy Police Chief Michael Coffey.

Funds - Building repairs needed in the next few years

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does not presently have a sinking fund, financial staffers have found a way to introduce one without raising taxes on residents.

Research completed

Weiss said the district worked hard to find a strategy that won't raise taxes on residents—many of whom are struggling in a difficult economy.

By eliminating some bond expenditures, the district would be able to reallocate funds if vot-

ers approve the sinking fund—which is a necessary for the dedicated repair fund to exist.

"We do have some older buildings, and some of the buildings need new roofs, and we're going to have to address that," Weiss said.

Currently, the district has been able to reduce the levy it pays for a 30-year-old bond issue from 7 to 6.25 mills. The 0.75 mills the district is requesting would be tax neutral for residents—meaning that the funds could be re-directed into a sinking fund.

If repairs are made at the last possible second—or if there is an emergency—it is possible funds that would be better used in the classroom would be used to rectify the situation, Weiss said.

Weiss also stressed that the funds generated from the sinking fund would be used only for repairs and other physical projects.

"Those dollars cannot be sued for hiring, for teachers' salaries, new buses, textbooks, or anything that is not a physical improvement," he said.

Wells - Land could be used for another development

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injection well.

However, in 2006, inspectors found a leak in the surface piping of one well during a visit to the site. The facility was shut down.

Subsequent Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspections confirmed the leak and identified numerous other violations of the permit conditions, and the EDS federal permits were terminated. At that time, 20 violations were cited.

The facility was licensed to treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day. Permits also indicated that the wells could store 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gal-

lons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks.

New operator possible

After the facility shut down, the main investors in the well, the Detroit Police and Fire Pension Fund, sought another operator for the well. The fund has invested nearly \$40 million in the wells.

For a while, it appeared that the pension fund would re-open the site if the existing license could be transferred. Those requests were denied by the DEQ, and whomever wished to re-start operations would have to begin the lengthy approval process again.

Lambert said he believes no one will seek to operate the wells.

"I think we could get someone to build on the site if the wells were capped."

Mayor Alan Lambert

"We haven't heard anything about a new operator," he said.

City officials hope the site can eventually be redeveloped.

"I think we could get someone to build on the site if the wells were capped," he said. "There would have to be environmental remediation at the site."

Terminal - Designed with environmental concerns in mind

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commitment to improved air quality by providing additional funding support for our latest environmentally-friendly initiatives," said Lester W. Robinson, CEO of Wayne County Airport Authority.

The funding was used to three green initiatives at the new terminal, including adding temperature-controlled air and auxiliary electrical power directly to aircraft parked at each new boarding gate, a new hydrant fueling system that will eliminate the need for and emissions associated with mobile fuel trucks, and diesel-powered

portable ground power units—thus reducing fuel consumption, and emissions.

"We paid attention to this because of the environment, and to create a situation that reduced down-time," Conway said.

Also, the concrete from the demolition of the older terminals will be used as aggregate, as in the case of the Davey Terminal, which was demolished three years ago.

Security an issue

Providing a secure environment was a concern for McCarthy, who was forced to add new security features after Sept. 11.

"That was the biggest obstacle,

because after Sept. 11, obviously there was more security," he said. "But we had to build the terminal for dollars that were calculated before nine-eleven."

Still, several security checkpoints and screening devices are a part of the plan to make the terminal as safe as possible, Conway said.

Though contractors and officials that made the new terminal a reality are excited to see it open, at least one will be conflicted about the project's completion.

"It was an incredibly fun and creative experience to work on this project, but I'm a little said its over," McCarthy said.

Westland teachers return to classrooms

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

Negotiating teams for the Wayne-Westland Education Association and the Wayne-Westland schools agreed last weekend to temporarily extend teacher contracts into the new school year.

After spending Labor Day week-end bargaining, union representatives confirmed Monday that they had agreed to a 30-day contract extension.

"We want to have the time to investigate, research and examine the district's latest proposal," said Wayne-Westland Education

Association (WWEA) president Nancy Strachan in a written statement. "It may or may not lead to a settlement, but it is significantly different enough that it will require a good deal of time before we can react."

The new presentation was given to the WWEA representatives on Saturday evening. According to a statement posted on the Michigan Education Association website, the WWEA members decided on Sunday that "more time was needed reviewing the district's proposal before they could respond." As of Tuesday, no dates had been set for a continuation of negotiations.

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Gregory Baracy said that he is "hopeful" the two bargaining teams will be able reach an agreement in the near future and called the extension an asset that "would allow us to continue to bargain in good faith toward a fair and equitable agreement."

Class size, health care, and salary were the primary stumbling blocks in an agreement between the two parties. The bargaining teams were joined last week by state mediators tasked with the job of finding a mutually acceptable solution to each of the matters holding up the contract agreement.

Shooting still debated

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Westland council members have opted for a letter of criticism rather than a formal resolution condemning the Romulus Police Department for actions during a shootout three weeks ago.

During the regular Westland City Council meeting Tuesday night, officials said they still didn't approve of the police actions during the raid at Bob's of Canton on Merriman and Warren roads, but conceded that the situation was a difficult one, at best.

"The officers that were there did their best to keep the situation under control," said Council President Jim Godbout.

Godbout added that he was still concerned about the potential safety hazard the event posed for residents. He said that when the council members took a collective step back, they decided the more formal resolution would be harsher than necessary. The council instead decided to send a signed letter to Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert outlining their concerns.

The shooting occurred on Aug. 12 at about 3:30 p.m. after Romulus Police met five men at the strip mall.

Undercover detectives were conducting a drug buy to purchase 3 kilos of cocaine valued at \$60,000. They were preparing to finalize the deal when the situation turned into an armed robbery.

The buy turned into a life-threatening situation when guns were pulled on police, who then shot two of the suspects, 28-year-old Brian Thomas and 32-year-old Benjamin Pringle, both of Detroit. Thomas died at the scene. Pringle, along with three other suspects, have all been charged with several felonies.

Initially, several officials, including Westland Mayor Bill Wild and Godbout made several statements regarding the wisdom of conducting a raid in a public place.

Westland Councilman Charles Pickering, who was the only Westland elected official to sit in on the accused men's pre-trial hearing at the 18th District Court in Westland, said he believes the right decision was made regarding the formal resolution.

"It's unfortunate (the incident) included a lot of innocent people," he said. "It was an opportunity that takes some really bad people off of the streets."

Pickering also praised the efforts of the Romulus police for keeping the dangerous situation from developing further.

Information has emerged about a shooting incident in July in Romulus conducted by Westland police, though it's unclear if that played any role in the decision to back away from a formal resolution.

Romulus officials—incensed that Westland officials were considering condemning their police officers—said at their meeting last week that they feel Westland officials overreacted, especially considering their police discharged their weapons within Romulus' borders.

On July 25, Westland police were pursuing a suspect in a vehicle that led them on a high-speed chase that eventually moved into Romulus.

At about 1:30 p.m., near the busy Wayne Road-Interstate 94 service ramp, Westland patrolman pursued the vehicle, which exited at Wayne road from eastbound I-94. The vehicle then attempted to re-enter the ramp when the driver struck a guardrail.

As two Westland officers approached the vehicle, the 47-year-old suspect attempted to strike a patrolman. The officer drew his sidearm, but the suspect failed to slow down, and the officer discharged four rounds toward the vehicle. The suspect was arrested.

Romulus police are investigating the shots fired by the Westland patrolman, according to the official police report.

Wild said he would like to put the incident behind him.

—Staff Writer Meghan Chatham contributed to this report.

Calendar of events

Author visits library

As part of the Romulus Public Library book discussion rotation, an author will join the discussion of his book.

Harry Bryce, the writer of *Land of the Morning Calm*, will make a guest appearance at the library Sept. 8.

Bryce will join the members of the book club to discuss his inspiration for the book.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Festival bingo to benefit shelter

Animals of all stripes are hoping residents will turn out in droves for the annual Pumpkin Festival Bingo fundraiser.

Bingo will take place from 5 p.m.-midnight on Friday Sept. 19, from 1 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 20 and from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

One hundred percent of the proceeds earned at the bingo tournament will benefit the 4-year-old effort to construct a new animal shelter on a parcel of city-owned land near the Department of Public Works building.

More than \$130,000 has been collected through local fundraisers like the bingo tournament. The total cost of a new shelter is about \$250,000.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Councilman William Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog at (734) 941-3466.

Second Monday Book Club continues

The Romulus Public Library still has dates and times for the Monday Night Book Club.

Book discussions are free and open to all residents age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting inter-library loan copy.

The remaining books that will be analyzed include: *At Home in Mitford* by Jan Karon, which will be discussed Oct. 13; and *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean, which will be discussed Nov. 10.

Refreshments will be served.

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Caregiver, support group services

Adult Well Being Services will host caregiver support groups at the September Days Senior Center from 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The monthly meetings provide support, information and encouragement to caregivers of a spouse, parent or others. The group will help family members deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

The services are free, however, participants have the opportunity to make a donation to share in the cost of services. No one will be refused service if they are not able to donate.

Support groups will also take place in Canton, Plymouth, Dearborn Heights, Allen Park, Detroit and other surrounding areas.

For more information, call (313) 359-0736.

—Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Blight fight

Inspectors reassigned to aid enforcement

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

The building department in Westland has been “restructured.”

The new plan calls for the five full-time officers to perform their standard rental, city certification, and building inspections in the morning and then take on the task of ordinance enforcement in the afternoon.

Westland Mayor Bill Wild said that the on-going influx of complaints from residents about blight and ordinance infractions made the need for change clear.

“We take complaints in the building office on blight-related issues on a daily basis,” said Wild.

In the past, one full-time ordinance enforcement officer covered the 22-square mile city. Wild said that the new program provides additional enforcement officers without additional costs and offers residents a faster response time in which to have their concerns addressed. The city was divided into five regions and each of the building officers has been assigned a specific area.

According to Westland Building Department Director Sue Dodson, in addition to helping improve the community, the switch has also helped keep the staff intact.

“Permits are down, so the number of inspections they have to do has gone down,” she said. “It’s really a way to preserve jobs.”

In addition to responding to citizen complaints, inspectors will also patrol their respective district to look for and resolve ordinance

related issues before complaints are made.

“Overall, we’re going to try to be a little more proactive,” said Wild.

The inspectors involved in the program will focus on five issues in particular that have been a growing concern due to number of unoccupied and foreclosed homes in the community: high grass and property maintenance, blight, abandoned autos, swimming pool upkeep, and rodents.

“This is ultimately about protecting the property values of Westland residents,” said Wild. “In the wake of this nation-wide foreclosure epidemic, maintaining clean, safe neighborhoods will play an essential role in attracting prospective buyers to these homes.”

In addition, Wild said that having one person in a particular area day after day could benefit the community by helping bolster a good working relationship with the people of that area. Dodson agreed, stressing that the program is primarily geared to address the problems that crop up in vacant and foreclosed properties and that any residents who do receive a warning for a blight related issue, such as tall weeds or an abandoned automobile, don’t need to worry about being ticketed as long as the problem is resolved in a timely fashion.

“We want compliance,” she said. “We want to keep property values up. Tickets are our last resort.”

Residents who wish to report a blighted home should contact the Westland Building Department at (734) 467-3210.

Lake OK’d for swimming

The Wayne County Department of Public Health has lifted the closure notice for the public bathing beach at Belleville Lake in Van Buren Township. The lake is now open for swimming and recreational use, according to officials.

The latest surface water sample results taken by the Wayne County Department of Public Health now meet Michigan Public Health Code standards for swimming and other recreational use involving body immersion, officials said.

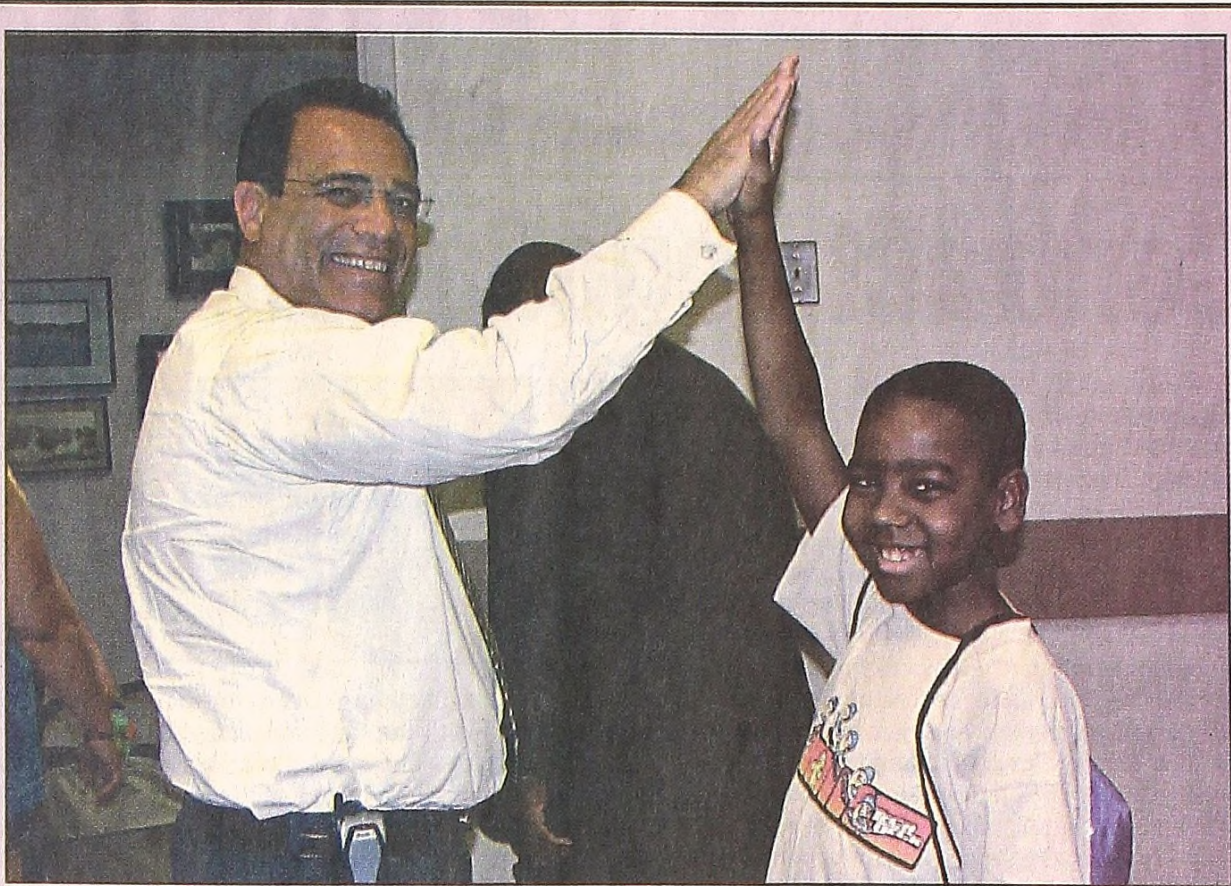
“Public swimming and full body contact with the water at Belleville

Lake is now safe to enjoy for swimming based on these findings,” said Loretta V. Davis, director/health officer for the Wayne County Department of Public Health.

The lake had been closed since the end of July when previous water samples were found to exceed the Michigan Public Health Code bathing beach water quality standard for E. coli bacteria.

Detailed bathing beach water sample results are available on the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality website at www.michigan.gov.

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‘Back’ to school

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano donated backpacks to at-risk children in the Van Buren Public Schools, recently. The backpacks came just in time for the beginning of the school year, which started this week. Select at-risk elementary school children were invited by letter to the Van Buren Township Hall to receive one of 200 backpacks donated by Ficano. Ficano personally handed out the backpacks to the children, along with hot dogs and refreshments that were handed out by facilitators Kathy Bandy and Kim Nofz through the Parent Involvement Committee, which sponsored the lunch. “I would like to thank Mr. Ficano for his continued generosity to the students of this district,” said Dr. Linda Olson, curriculum director for Van Buren Public Schools. “His commitment to helping the children of Wayne County is truly an inspiration.” The district is just one of the many Wayne County districts involved in the 2008 backpack distribution. The backpacks are privately funded by local businesses and filled with school supplies. This year, donations allowed distribution of about 1,500 backpacks to at-risk students throughout Wayne County, officials said.

Wayne County offers preschool

Parents have an opportunity to maintain quality education for 3 to 5-year-olds, despite the sluggish economy, according to Wayne County officials.

The Wayne County Head Start program is currently enrolling for income eligible families and children with certified or suspected disabilities.

“Part of being a region of choice for business and residents is quality education,” said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. “Many of our citizens are having to make sacrifices and changes in their lifestyles to accommodate the economic downturn we have been experiencing, but thanks to our Head Start program, it does not include sacrificing the education of their preschool age children.”

Head Start provides a variety of education-

al activities and health services at no cost and, studies show that early childhood education has a positive, lifelong impact on children and Head Start has been at the forefront of that movement for more than 40 years, officials said.

“We are proud of the work our Head Start program accomplishes each and every day to provide quality child development programs,” said Cecelia Mobley, director of the Wayne County Head Start. “Many families don’t realize we are an available resource right in their community and that they qualify for our program.”

Wayne County Head Start programs are located across the county. Children participate in educational activities and receive medical, dental and nutrition services at no cost. It also offers special recreational events, family literary activities and opportunities for volunteering.

Some locations include: Starfish Family Services, which services Canton, Inkster, Livonia and Plymouth at (888) 887-9980 and, the Stottlemeyer Early Childhood Center, which services Wayne and Westland, at (734) 419-2630.



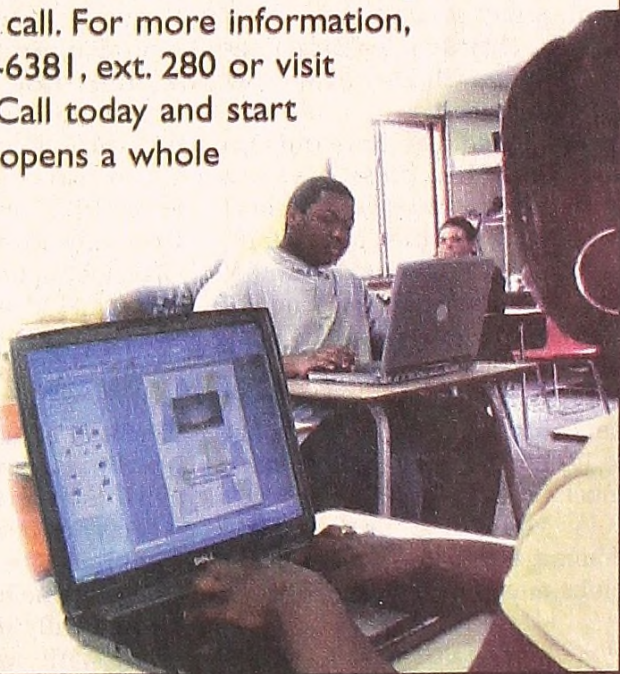
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OPINION

Contract negotiations are all about money

Throughout the State of Michigan, students are returning to school this week.

Attention turns once again to the change of seasons, new educational opportunities and, sadly, teacher negotiations.

In the Wayne-Westland and Northville Public School Districts, long-term contracts remain elusive, at best, and negotiations have been, well, less than civil.

In Westland, signs have sprouted up that read 'Teachers deserve respect.' In Northville, residents have questioned the commitment board members have to the students, staff and the district overall in the face of discussions with a union that rejected a 6 percent salary increase—even though janitors, food service employees and transportation workers agreed to a salary freeze in order to keep their jobs.

These negotiations aren't about respect. They're about money. One side wants more and the other side would probably give it. The problem is, they just don't have it.

There are certain economic realities that school board members have to face. There are costs that they cannot control: utilities, health care, retirement—things they must bud-

*These negotiations aren't about respect.
They're about money.*

et for. They have little control over their revenue; it's controlled by the state and dictated by legislators. Those increasing costs and state allocations haven't matched in years and districts have been forced to eat into their budget reserves as they tried to keep providing services and keep class sizes down.

School board members have to look at these things not just in the short-term but in the long-term, as well. They can't agree to a contract that they know will spell trouble down the line. They can't expect increases in per pupil funding to

match increases in cost—because they won't. They can't keep expecting more students to come into the district, because that won't necessarily be the case, either.

Claims that members of these respective school boards have no concerns about their teachers or students or custodians or bus drivers or food service workers are just a little silly. These kinds of concerns are generally why they have volunteered to take on the service to begin with. They're just trying to the right thing for the community as a whole, for the long term, and it's not an easy business.

Remember, these people are volunteers, taking on the responsibility of the fiscal management of the education system in their community. They don't get paid anything for their service. Those on the other side of the bargaining table expect, and deserve, compensation for their work.

But to claim these negotiations are about respect is a bit insulting to the general public.

These board members all agree that teachers, students, and all the other ancillary employees deserve respect.

We think they do, too.

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Chances are you will not see this posting on any signs or literature associated with the 53rd Annual Plymouth Fall Festival, but if you pay attention to the men and women at the booths, creating crafts, serving pancake breakfasts or preparing chicken dinners—the need cries out just the same.

As the members of the more than 15 Plymouth area service clubs, some of whom remember the first Fall Fest, head into their golden years, it is time for the next generation of residents to pick-up the mantle of civic responsibility.

While some organizations are able to pull together a group of member's children and grandchildren to help with major events such as the weekend festival, other groups find it difficult to keep up with the physical demands.

Representatives from the Plymouth-Canton Civitans, an organization that dedicates its efforts to children with special needs and the Special Olympics, have stated that unless they are able to recruit younger members, they will be forced to scale back their activities during Fall Fest next year.

Jim Hutchings, the president of the Plymouth Optimist Club said they need "big time" help with their efforts to bring young people to the fold as Hutchins described the vast majority of his members as over 60 years of age.

The dilemma faced by many local civic clubs is that Fall Fest, which attracts more than 80,000 people to downtown Plymouth, is the biggest fundraiser for many of the organizations. Without money generated from the three-day festival, many programs for local schools, charitable organizations and seniors will have significant funding difficulties.

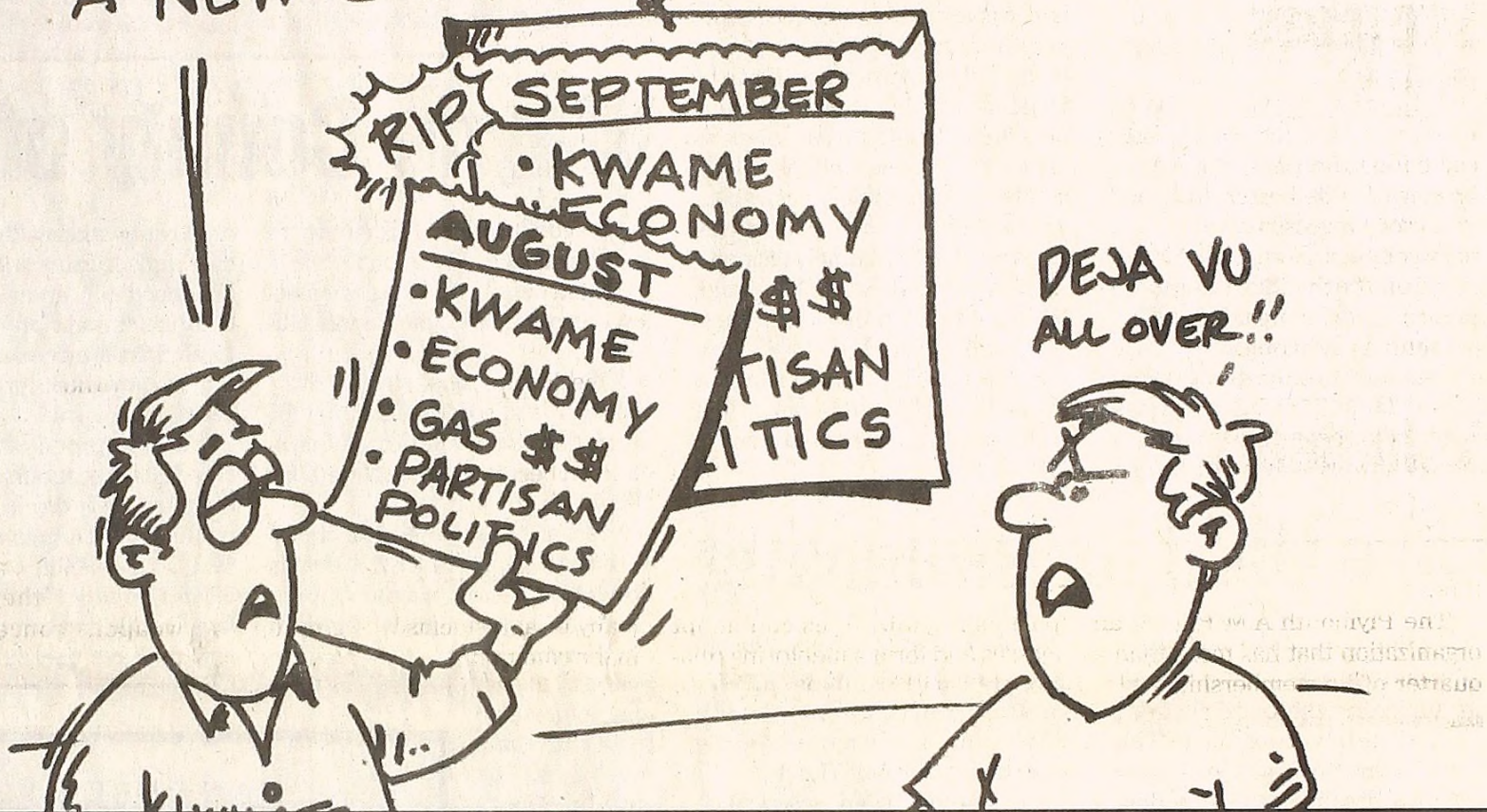
Of course, the demands on young families these days are enormous. Between work, school activities and other obligations, people in Generation X and Y find it difficult to drink a cup of coffee let alone be an active member in a social service club.

However, as the current members move up in age someone has to fill the gap to make sure their much-needed work is continued.

As younger people make a commitment to help, the service clubs must also change with the

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WELL, SUMMER IS OVER....
TIME TO MOVE AHEAD TO
A NEW CHAPTER OF OUR LIVES...



Protecting our environment – priceless

Officials in the City of Romulus received some good news this week.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) took steps to revoke the operating license for Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), the company that wanted to open and operate hazardous injection wells in the community.

To quote Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert: "It's about time."

This has been a long, expensive battle, but it appears it may soon be over.

The city has fought the operation for nearly 15 years and spent an estimated \$1 million on it.

That's a big price tag, but it will ultimately be worth it if it protects the city, protects the environment and protects the property values of residents.

This is a victory for Romulus, but it's a victory for all of western

Wayne County, as well. It shows that the common people can rise up and have an impact on their community and fight off overwhelming odds in order to protect themselves.

It's ironic that the potential death blow to the injection wells came after the facility was allowed to open. About two years ago, a leak in the surface piping was discovered that essentially proved all the bad things that resi-

dents and city officials had voiced concerns about. The facility was shut down and efforts to find a new operator have since been fruitless.

Good.

Western Wayne County has been a dumping ground for too long.

We have too many landfills, too much contaminated and former institutional property. This is one thing we all didn't need.

Progress doesn't happen by accident

When the Wayne 20/20 Committee gets together, it's a pretty safe bet that the downtown area will be a topic of discussion.

That was no different at the regular meeting last Wednesday, when they talked about the downtown and the reception they experienced at the Wayne Wheelfest, among other ideas.

Downtown Wayne is of particular interest to the group, which grew out of the 'Cool Cities' concept promoted by Gov. Jennifer Granholm a few years back. A cool city has a vibrant, walkable downtown and anyone who has driven down or walked along the downtown district knows that Wayne may have made some progress, but there's still a long way to go.

This has been a sore spot with me through the years, because the City of Wayne has the capability to dramatically improve the downtown with aggressive efforts

through the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The Wayne DDA has one of the largest DDA budgets in western Wayne County since the Ford Motor plants fall within its boundaries, yet the board meets sporadically, recruitment efforts seem minimal and most of its money goes into the general fund, anyway.

Peter McInerney, community development director for the City of Wayne, had a sad but true answer when asked if it would make a difference if the Wayne Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Board met more often.

"Not necessarily."

It's sad because the DDA falls under his responsibilities as the community development director. If the administration doesn't think it would help, chances are it's not going to happen.

But it's true because it won't

make much difference if the board gets together more often since there doesn't seem to be a plan in place or the political will to push the envelope and make things happen. Wayne still seems to be stuck in the 'something is better than nothing' mentality. That's why the concept of the city purchasing the old Comcast building—which was vacated Friday

afternoon—scared me to death. They'll buy it and throw anything in there just to keep it from being vacant rather than plan and promote it for its best possible use.

If there's going to be any major progress in town, though, it has to

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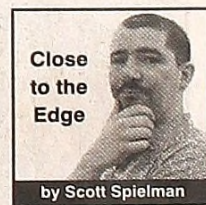
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Letters

Voters, workers praised

To the editor;

There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or to accept the responsibility for changing them.

Our grass roots organization, Citizens For Northville, accepted the responsibility and worked to support the township trustees and supervisor in their efforts to ensure the psychiatric hospital development maintained the standards and integrity of our Northville community. Since success is more a function of consistent common sense than it is of genius, we set forth to challenge the antiquated annexation laws.

When that didn't work, we divided into two focused groups, Citizens To Stop Annexation and Taxpayers For Responsible Development, and began a rigorous campaign for the "NO" Annexation vote. Thankfully, the majority of Livonia voters realized

the word listen contains the same letters as silent. They listened to the erroneous "facts" and came to the polls in record numbers to defeat the annexation of Northville's land. We thank the Livonia voters who chose not to be silent.

The people who worked on our campaign are too numerous to mention. They approached the task with passion and demonstrated when you plan purposefully, proceed positively, and pursue persistently, you will achieve your goal!

I applaud our township officials for doing battle with REIS and fighting for the correct plans for the development. I applaud our elected officials, Sen. Bruce Patterson and Rep. Marc Corrivreau who demonstrated their belief in the old adage, "The world is composed of givers and takers...the takers may eat better but the givers sleep better."

Thank you for your courage and

support. I again challenge Senate Leader Mike Bishop to become a giver and listen to his constituents. Their vote has said it loud and clear!

While we have accomplished much and proven nothing is impossible, we still have one major obstacle to overcome. These antiquated annexation laws must be changed. We must remain strong in our efforts to achieve this next challenge. I believe we will all be better citizens when the voting records of our legislators are followed as carefully as the scores of football games. You can begin this journey with me at the polls in November. Remember, change and change for the better are often two different things.

A final note to the Livonia City Council... honest criticism is hard to take...especially when it comes from a relative, a friend, an acquaintance, or a stranger.

Laurie D. Marrs
Northville Township

New screening device installed at county court

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Security is about to get a little more high-tech at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

ThruVision Ltd., a passive screening mechanism that will assist court officials in providing security at the facility, will be put through a test-run for possible permanent implementation, said Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans, whose deputies screen thousands of individuals who pass through the court.

"The installation is the start of a trial by the Sheriff's Office," he said. "Our deputies will test and evaluate the increased capability that ThruVision's T4400 terahertz imager can provide in the screening of visitors to the facility."

ThruVision and First Response Solutions Inc. – the company that is distributing the system – has chosen the circuit court as the first governmental entity to test the effectiveness of the system.

Initially, the technology employed by ThruVision was created by a United Kingdom-based lab that was working to detect holes in the Earth's ozone layer.

The county, because it has agreed to test the program, will not be charged for the security system, county officials said.

person.

The system is designed to capture images of objects concealed under the clothing of individuals being screened, but it does so without revealing anatomical detail, protecting the personal privacy of the individual, according to Clive Beattie, CEO of ThruVision.

"Unlike x-ray or some millimeter wave radar security imaging technology that is been evaluated at some airports and secured facilities, ThruVision's technology is totally passive," he said. "Images of concealed objects are formed by detecting the natural terahertz waves . . . which makes the system absolutely safe for pregnant woman and people with pace-makers."

The system is also able to detect non-metal objects that may be used to harm others, like liquid and plastic explosives and ceramic blades that conventional systems would not detect, Beattie said.

The images would be visible to court security personnel on a monitor, or a laptop computer.

May eliminate pat-downs

Charles Newsome, the president of First Response said the system is likely to be less intrusive to those conducting business at the court.

"ThruVision's technology eventually may replace pat-down screening in many venues," he said. "The system is fast, and many people find manual pat downs unpleasant. This is the future of security screening."

The Frank Murphy Hall of Justice, formerly known as Recorder's Court, houses Wayne County civil and criminal circuit court, as well as the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Progress

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come from the DDA. There has to be someone dedicated to it and a group of progressive, active business people and residents to back them up. At the 20/20 Committee meeting, the concept of a DDA director was brought up; Steve Johnson, a candidate for Wayne

County Commission, brought it up at a recent city council meeting, too. He was accused of looking for a job.

The city administration has made the concept of a DDA director a pretty hard sell. They've continued to hand out and accept raises at the higher levels while laying off personnel at the bottom or leaving other positions vacant. They take the vast majority of the DDA budget to balance the gener-

al fund. It is still something to work toward—or, at the very least, rededicate existing staff to. Change can happen more quickly if there are more people paying attention and putting effort into it.

We can't wait for the city council to come up with any ideas and we certainly can't wait for development to come to Wayne. Nobody was exactly beating down the door when the economy was in good shape, let alone now.

Volunteers

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times.

The Plymouth A.M Rotary, an organization that has more than a quarter of its membership under

40, spokesman said that moving their meetings to 7 a.m. to allow members to continue their work/school day without interruption increased membership.

Local schools can also play a part as organizations can adopt classes and form a mentoring relationship with students as youth

volunteers. Some of the teens will in turn become members as adults due to their positive experience.

Many of the members of the service clubs had either a direct or indirect role in the lives of many local residents who grew up in the community.

Now it's their turn to give back.

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1. Obituaries



Jessie Fox
Sunrise Nov 02, 1914
Sunset Aug 24, 2008
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Rev. Thomas M. Higginbotham, officiating
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Interment was at United Memorial Gardens in Plymouth.



Leon Jacobs
Sunrise: June 20, 1943
Sunset: August 22, 2008

He leaves to cherish his memory: his devoted wife, Yvonne (Bunny) of 42 years; his daughter, LaRhonda (Eugene) Grove; his son Leon Jacobs Jr. (companion-Marla); four grandchildren, Jordan, Amber, Kennedy and TaNia; his sister, Dolly "Babe" Walker (William); a sister-in-law Katina (Victor) Hall of California and a host of

nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster MI
Rev. Joseph Stephens Officiated. Cremation TriCounty Crematory Ypsilanti, Michigan.



Kenneth Gilbert Hoskins
Sunrise: September 2, 1954
Sunset: August 27, 2008

Kenny leaves to cherish his memory his mother Joan Claybon of Romulus, Mi;

father, Lorenzo Hoskins of Whitaker, Mi;
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #8 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for Statewide Boring & Machine, Inc., 6401 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

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Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The exact legal descriptions are available for public review at the township offices during regular business hours. If you have any questions regarding the Public Hearing, please contact me at 734-699-8909 during regular business hours.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
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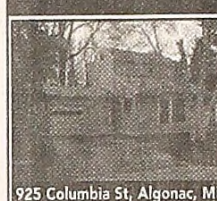
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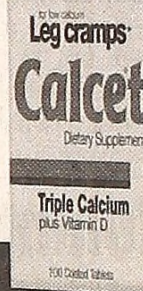
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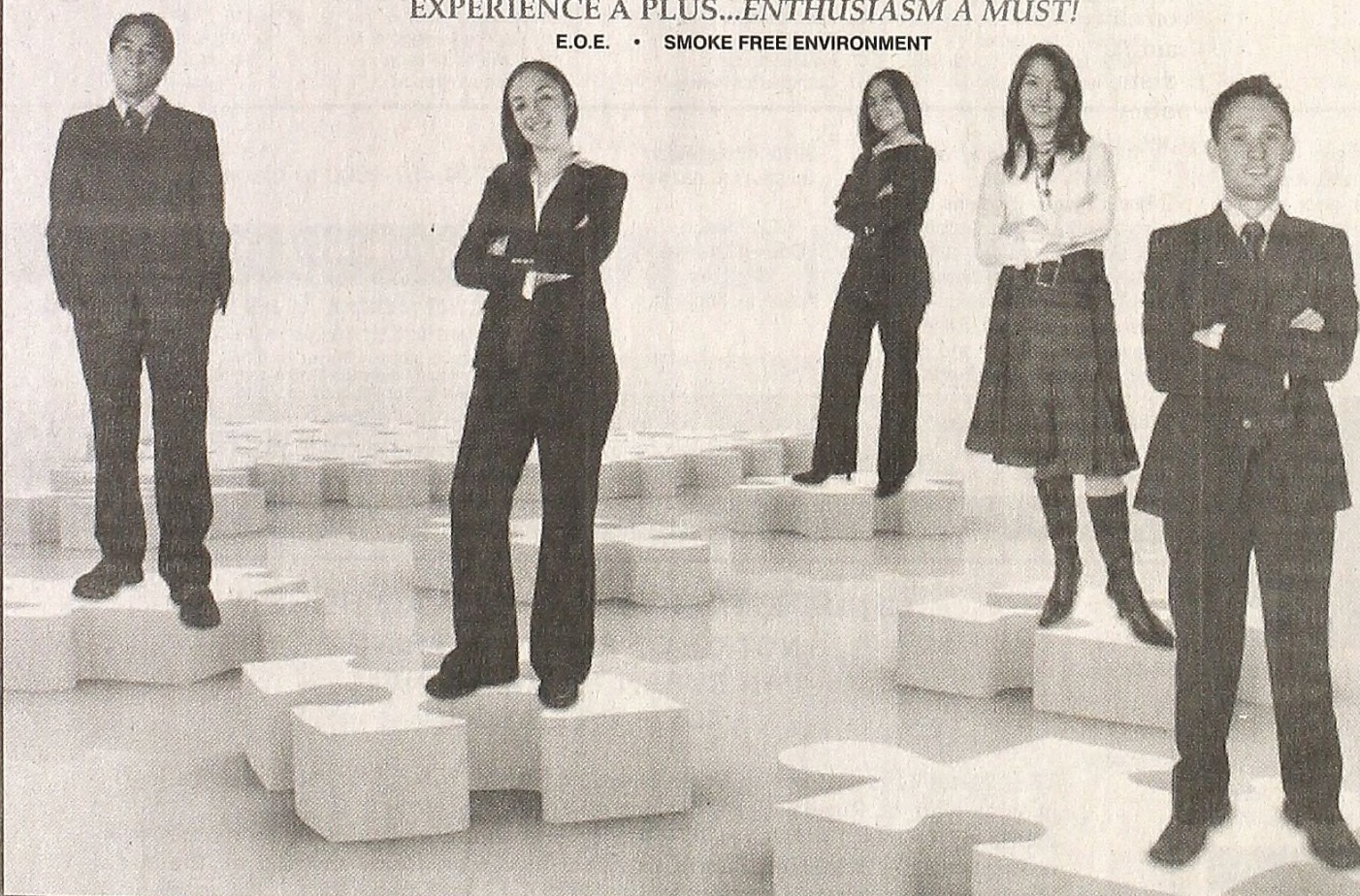
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Recall language rejected for 2nd time

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

A group of Westland residents who want to see five city officials recalled are hoping the third time's the charm for their petition language.

Last week, citizens who hope to recall Westland Mayor Bill Wild, Westland City Council President James Godbout, Westland City Council members Michael Kehrer, Bill Johnson and Dewey Reeves plans hit a snag. The Wayne County Election Commission informed the members of the grassroots organization Save Our Neighborhoods (SON) that recall petition language they had submitted for

approval had again been denied due to lack of clarity.

"We got turned down again," said SON member Donna DeWitt. "We were too vague again. We're going to have to work on that."

The group had language denied for the same reason on Aug. 12.

DeWitt said Tuesday that the group had not yet filed revised language. Last time, they filed on the same day the original petition language was rejected, in order to have more time to resolve the problem with the language, she said.

DeWitt stressed that despite the pause, the group has no intention of giving up their efforts.

"We're planning on doing this

until we get it right," she said. "There will be a recall."

For the recall effort to move forward, however, SON must receive approval from the Election Commission. By law, the commission must "determine whether each reason for the recall stated in the petition is of sufficient clarity to enable the officer whose recall is sought and the electors to identify the course of conduct which is the basis for the recall" and base its decision solely upon that finding.

The recall effort launched by SON developed after the majority of the Westland City Council voted to approve Planned Unit Development (PUD) designation and preliminary site plan

approval for a proposed mixed use development on Joy Road that included 54 condominiums, 20 duplex condominiums, and a three-story independent living facility in an area that had been zoned for single-family residential homes. Homeowners in the area had, at the time, voiced concerns about the density and impact on traffic, and safety of the proposed project.

However, Wild urged the residents to reconsider the recall effort and to instead focus on resolving their concerns about the

proposed project.

"In light of it being rejected again, I would hope the residents who are filing the language...would be willing to sit down with the developer and see if there's a workable solution to this problem," he said.

If recall language is approved, supporters must collect the equivalent of 25 percent of the number of the number of voters who voted in the last gubernatorial race, in this case 6,818, within a 90-day window in order for the question to go before voters.



Linked up

Future freshman students at Belleville High School received a surprise treat from the 'Link Crew' recently during their first day of high school orientation. The Link Crew—about 120-upperclassman part of the transition program—cheered them on, played a game of Simon Says and a balloon-popping race as part of the welcome to new students. Link Crew begins with an orientation day aimed at making freshmen excited and proud to be attending their new high school. On the first day of class, they will already know a junior or a senior that they can count on to answer questions and provide guidance. The orientation at Belleville ended with a cookout on the front lawn of the high school with registering for classes to round out the day.

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Schools consider new nepotism hiring rules

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Do the Van Buren Public Schools need a nepotism policy in the school district?

Some officials seem to think so.

"I think it protects the school board from accusations and it gives a clear, proper behavior with a consistent policy. It's a good thing to have," said Trustee Toni Hunt.

The topic was discussed at the last board of education meeting after Debbie Lazaroff, wife of Superintendent of Schools Pete Lazaroff, was hired by a 5 to 2 vote as a secretary for Savage Elementary School. Officials said she was chosen for her prior experience, however, both Hunt and Keith Johnston, vice-president of the school board, said they voted 'no' because they feel there needs to be a policy regarding perceived nepotism.

"There has been concern in the past that people have brought up so if we had a policy in place we could answer that," said Hunt. "I'd like to see a model that spells out how family members can or can't work, but the chain of command issue needs to be clarified."

Currently, there is no policy; just what is deemed appropriate by administration and the school board members.

"I know there's been discussion on other situations in the past two years," said Paul Henning, spokesperson for the district. "Some feel there should be a policy in place and some don't, but I fully expect this to be a continued discussion."

Dave Peer, president of the school board, said he doesn't think a nepotism policy is necessary.

"I don't really understand what the issues are," he said. "For this one, she is qualified, she has experience, she was interviewed for the job and the best candidate was selected. What difference does it make?"

Peer also asked if there was a policy, do you make it so it only applies to the superintendent or to every person you're related to?

"The next steps are up to the board members," he said. "If someone wants to pursue further we can put it on the agenda."

"There didn't seem to be a lot of support, but I'm going to keep pushing it," said Hunt.

College open house set

The Wayne County Community College District will host an open house to introduce the addition to the western campus to the public.

The event will take place from 4-8 p.m. on Sept. 8, at the college campus, 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The \$12 million, 43,143 square-foot Educational Multipurpose Center features career labs, a 100-seat lecture hall and seminar rooms,

among many other modern features. Students will be able to take advantage of the food court, which has a pond that brings nature into the building, as well as a career academic advising suite and more conveniently located administrative offices.

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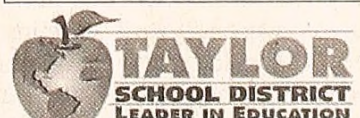
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SPORTS

Coming 'atcha John Glenn volleyball team starts season with 3-D philosophy

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Drive, dedication and determination are the three words plastered on the backs of the John Glenn volleyball team's practice jerseys.

Third-year coach Julian Wargo implemented the "3-D" philosophy this season as a recipe for success. Wargo said he knows his team is much better than and more deserving of the 10-22-6 record last year and—with a crop of experienced players behind him, a solid senior class to lead them and a new league to compete in—he believes this could be the year for the new and improved Lady Rockets.

Three years ago Wargo took a chance. He left his promising job as a junior varsity volleyball coach at Mercy Catholic High School in

Farmington to lead the struggling John Glenn program. He brings consistency to a program that couldn't keep a varsity coach for more than one season at a time.

"I thought this was an opportunity to work with a program with a reputation of hardworking young ladies," he said, "and they haven't disappointed me yet."

"This year we are going to be able to match that with mental toughness," he added. "For many of the girls—the seniors for example—I am the only varsity coach they've seen since they've been here. I think that makes a huge difference when you have consistency to the program."

Wargo has four seniors on hand with co-captains Brittany Holbrook and Stacey Truskowski at the helm along with Shelley Sportsman and Jennifer Michalek.

"I'm counting a lot on senior leadership to set the tone for us," Wargo said. "You can look at Brittany Holbrook and Stacey Truskowski, who are seniors that are captains and have been on varsity since their sophomore year. To work with two young ladies that are good students and good athletes that come from good families has been great. After three years we understand each other very much now. I think that type of rapport carries onto the court with their teammates as well."

Also returning to the squad are juniors Lauren Baker, a second-year setter, and Brittani Robinson. Sophomore Halie Baker is a second-year starting middle hitter that continues to improve and impress, according to Wargo.

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Third-year Glenn volleyball coach Julian Wargo (left) talks to his varsity team about the season that is in full swing this week. He implemented the 3-D (drive, dedication and determination) philosophy to help get the Lady Rockets to the next level.

Mustangs blank opponents

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It looks like the Northville soccer team is picking up where they left off last year.

With the meat of the season still just on the horizon, the Mustangs are ahead of the curve with a 4-0 start. On top of that they have yet to allow a goal as they outscored opponents 11-0.

Recently Northville edged out cross-divisional opponent Livonia Churchill in a 1-0 contest.

Senior midfielder Latif Alashe put the game away when he made good on a penalty kick with about 3:30 left in the first half.

Northville was awarded the kick when a defender openly tackled junior forward Doug Beason after he took a pass from senior forward Alex Marilley close to the goal, according to Northville Coach Henry Klimes.

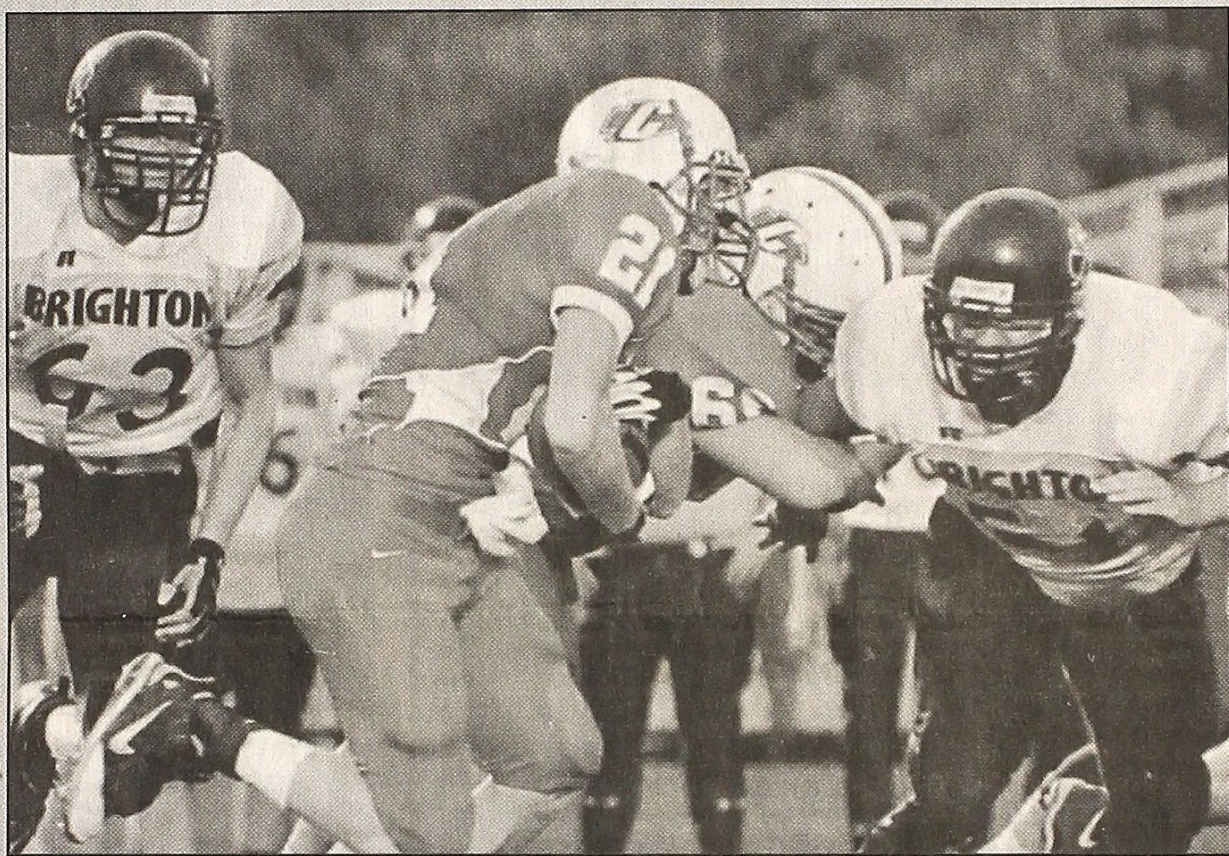
"A lot of football coaches would have appreciated that tackle," Klimes said. "Doug took the pass on the one-yard line and it would have been a goal anyway. There was no doubt that it deserved a penalty."

Northville's senior goalkeeper Jarrod Daul was solid in net for the Mustangs. He stopped five shots to secure the shutout. He had help on defense from senior standouts Cameron Burdette and Nick Scelabassi.

Defense has been stellar so far for Northville.

"We have so many returners on defense we knew we would be solid there," Klimes said. "So far I'm happy with the defensive play. Jarrod was our number-one goalkeeper coming in and will get the majority of starts."

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Canton running back Ron Gaudi (21) looks for an opening in the Chiefs' home opener against Brighton on Thursday. Canton held on for a 21-12 victory. Photo by Ken Garner

Chiefs start season on strong role

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Headed into the season, Canton's defense was expected to be impenetrable and—except for two plays—they were in the season and home opener against Brighton on Thursday.

Canton won, 21-12.

The Chiefs' defense held the Bulldogs off the board through the first half while the offense established a 21-point lead.

Canton is known for its misleading ground attack that sends two, three and sometimes even four players running in different directions. The Chiefs doled out 283 yards on the ground between six players.

New addition Kierre Daniels, a senior running back, did his part in the attack. He ground out 112 yards and scored on a six-yard jaunt with 3:00 left in the first quarter to get the offense rolling.

"He definitely adds a lot of speed," said Canton Coach Tim Baechler of Daniels. "He needs some work on blocking and running tougher in the middle but he is fast."

Daniels busted loose for a 43-yard-run on a second-and-13 play. The run kept a drive alive and set up a two-yard-touchdown run for senior Nick Sweda with 30 seconds left in the half.

Fullback Adam Payter plowed forward for a total of 99 yards. He busted through the line for a 65-yard touchdown run with 6:39 left in the second, making it a 14-0 game.

The offense had problems maintaining momentum in the second half. Penalties disrupted the flow of the offense all night; the offense accounted for nine of the team's 10 infractions.

"We have eight juniors starting on offense," Baechler said. "They made a lot of mistakes, mostly

procedural that will get ironed out through practice. It's hard to move the ball—let alone score that way. We need more consistency on offense."

The defense broke down on the two big plays in the second half that resulted in touchdowns for the Bulldogs. One was a 49-yard run in the third quarter. The other was a 78-yard halfback pass.

The defense regained composure behind solid play from linebackers Bryan Gerst and Dakota Dark-Bird and Sweda at safety.

Dark-Bird had an interception with a 17-yard return in the first quarter when he snagged a screen pass, according to Baechler.

Canton hosts Lakeland High School at 7 p.m. on Friday.

"They are a good team," Baechler said. "They were a playoff team last year. They have good size and speed. They will be tough."

Glenn kickers earn 1st season win

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"We finally broke the jinx," said an elated John Glenn soccer coach Jimmy Mortada.

After three close calls to kick off the season, the Rockets pulled out a 4-0 victory against host South Lyon East last Wednesday.

Glenn led 2-0 at the half with goals from senior Sergio Pavan and Khalid Suleiman. After the intermission, sophomore Robert Hurst and senior Will Jenkins added the third and fourth goals, respectively, to put the game out of reach.

The score could have been much higher but the Rockets hit the post three times in the effort.

Behind a solid defense, junior keeper Zack Redden recorded the team's first shutout of 2008.

"The defense played great," Mortada said. "We had great communication and passed the ball well."

Mortada had high hopes coming into the season but some close games denied his Rockets a win until now. Glenn settled for a 1-1 tie against Waterford Mott in the season opener last month. Suleiman scored the lone goal—the team's first of the season.

Then the Rockets fell to Walled Lake Western, 2-0. They nearly came back from a 4-0 deficit against Farmington early last week, but had to settle for a 4-3 loss. Seniors Nelson Kenne and Jacob Gates and sophomore Steve Thompson scored the three goals to bring Glenn within striking distance.

The victory last Wednesday

See **Kickers**, page 10

Cats in the black, Rocks feeling blue

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

This was supposed to be the year that Salem turned the corner and contended for a playoff spot—a new era of new attitude.

But it was the same old Rocks that stepped out on to the field against cross-campus rival Plymouth Thursday night in the Black & Blue Classic. The Wildcats threw everything but the kitchen sink at the Rocks, thwarted all their attempts and dashed their hopes to open the season with a victory.

Plymouth hoisted the annual trophy and walked away with a 47-7 victory.

Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuk didn't really know what to expect from Salem this year.

"Going into this game with their size—and Coach (Parker) Salowich is a pretty good coach—we were a little nervous coming in," he said. "I thought that our speed might be a factor and it obviously was."

Speed was a factor along with a proficient passing game.

Speedy senior running back Terrance Guthridge took the wind out of Salem's sails early when he scored on the third play of the game from 61 yards out. Guthridge finished with 131 yards on eight carries.

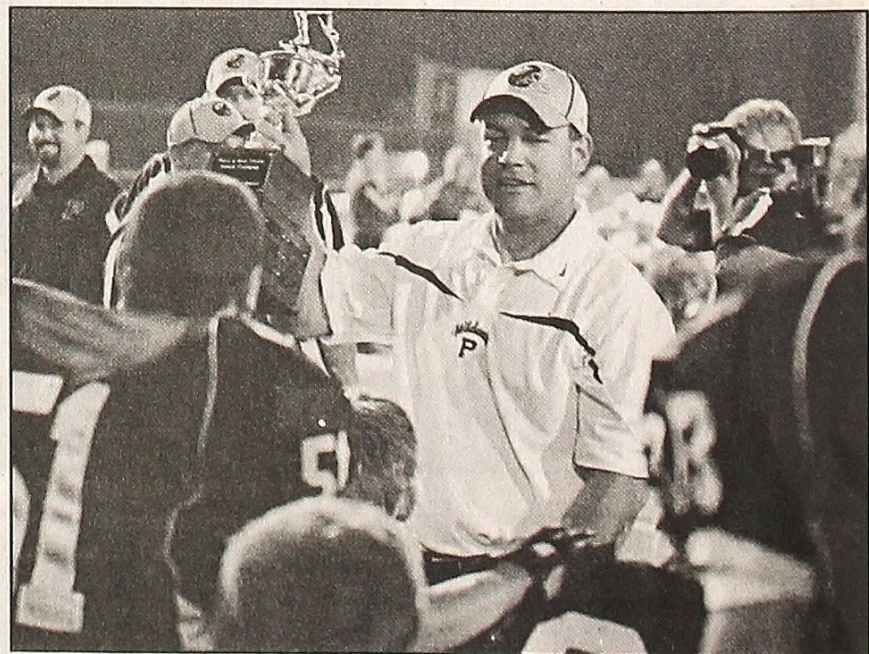
The spotlight fell to Plymouth's

starting quarterback, Matt Skubik, who was a 9-of-15 for 221 yards and four touchdowns.

He put the 'Cats up by two scores when he pushed in a one-yard score just 1:23 into the second quarter. Sophomore Kyle Brindza tacked on the extra point to make it 13-0.

Then Skubik hit his favorite target of the night—senior wide receiver Zach Hamed—for an 83-yard score. Brindza added the extra point to give the 'Cats a 20-9 advantage with 5:36 left in the half. Then Plymouth managed to not just shut Salem down two times in

See **Rivalry**, page 10



Plymouth Coach Mike Sawchuk hoists the Black & Blue Trophy after beating cross-town rival Salem, 47-7, on Thursday.

SPORTS



New Tigers can't find rhythm

Despite an entirely new offense and defense the Belleville Tigers couldn't keep pace with visiting Flint Carman-Ainsworth on Friday. Belleville lost the opening bout, 23-6. The defense overall looked strong but a few missed tackles and misreads led to Flint's victory. Flint's big plays were a 50-yard toss from Nick Hill to Shane Barron to make it 6-0 in the first quarter and a 57-yard run Deavon Elam in the third for a 16-6 advantage. The offense sputtered and appeared out of rhythm. Belleville's lone score was a 47-yards jaunt to the end zone by junior fullback Antonio LaBoda. The Tigers head to Dearborn for a 7 p.m. bout on Friday.

Mustangs

FROM PAGE 8

Offense hasn't been a problem, either, with 11 goals in four games. Northville took 10 shots at the Churchill net—Adrian Motta played a stellar game in goal for the Chargers. Adam Bedell, a 6-foot-5 defender, was another big obstacle to get by in the Chargers' backfield, according to Klimes.

As usual Northville opened the season at the Country Day Invitational.

There the 'Stangs won their fifth straight and 10th overall tournament title in

preparation for the regular season.

Northville knocked off Farmington, 4-0, in the first contest.

Klimes said the team looked shaky for the first 20 minutes but came around with two tallies in the first half.

Junior forward David Hammond blasted one in at about the 20-minute mark and Beason followed about 10 minutes later for the 2-0 advantage.

Marilley kept the drive going and scored a goal in the first minute of the second half and with about 5:00 left to play.

In the second game

Northville played Birmingham Lahser to a 0-0 first half tie. Then Beason and junior forward Max McHugh put the game away, 2-0, in the second half.

The Mustangs doubled up in each half to knock off West Bloomfield, 4-0.

Alashe and Beason scored in the first 40 minutes. Senior midfielders Nathan Hrivnak and John Donikian scored in the second to secure the victory.

Northville is at division opponent and cross-town rival Novi at 7 p.m. today. The Mustangs host Dearborn at 7 p.m. on Monday and South Lyon at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Strikers

FROM PAGE 8

Newcomers Brook Zywick and Katie Down will carry the yeomen's load in the back on defense and Briana Domen, Mackenzie Stephens and Mercedes Robinson are hard-working players that will earn their way onto the outside at some point during the season, Wargo said.

Holbrook, who gave up a scholarship opportunity to play basketball at Northern Illinois University to accept a full volleyball scholarship at Oakland University, said she likes the make up of the team this year.

"The whole program is getting better—it's more of a team this year," she said. "The whole team has really stepped up this year. The younger girls are awesome. For a lot of them it's their second year playing. Everyone on the team, even if they don't start, is putting out all of the effort that the starters are. I know this will be a good end to my high school career."

The Lady Rockets have shown signs of improvement already this year. The team went to West Bloomfield

scrimmage tournament last week where they went 1-5 in pool play last year. This year they improved to 3-3. Glenn split with Farmington and Walled Lake Northern and, although lost, kept pace with Notre Dame Prep—last year's Class B state champions—in the quarterfinals, 21-25 and 25-27.

"The girls are playing much more competitively now," Wargo said. "Stuff like that bolsters the girls' confidence."

With the new Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) in play for the first time, Glenn won't have to face as many heavy hitters as before but still have a top-ranked Churchill twice a season.

"The teams in the new league are close to home and closer to our level of playing," said Truskowski, a three-year starter with Holbrook. "Playing Wayne twice should make it more of a rival, too."

"It's my senior year and I'm really looking forward to the home games," she added. "It

will be nice with the fans there and we should be able to win most of our home games. I think we will be good."

It's often hard to judge a team by how they look on paper. But with a new "3-D" philosophy at hand it's not impossible that the Lady Rockets will jump off the page against opponents this year.

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: John Barden, William Crova, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth. Excused: Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff. Administrative Officials in Attendance: Alan Lambert, Mayor Linda R. Choate, Clerk Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-265

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held August 4, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-266

3A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported Crout to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve the request of Deutsche Lufthansa, upon compliance with Romulus Ordinances and Regulations, to transfer location of 2008 Class C Licensed Business from Edward H. McNamara World Gateway Terminal, 2532 World Gateway Place, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County, to New North "NTR", 601 Rogell, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-267

4A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Harold Griggs.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-268

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to introduce Budget Amendment 07/08-35:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund Expense				
101-1410-714.77-30	Treasurer Contractual Services	81,986	18,700	100,686
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101-0000-390.00-00	General Fund Balance	3,847,703	(18,700)	3,829,003

To cover payments to the Delinquent Personal Property Tax Collector (Andy Ferkovich) for additional collections during the 07/08 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-269

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Thomas Wilson, DPW Director and legal counsel to adopt a resolution to support an outside sub-consultant evaluation to determine the feasibility of establishing a Utility Authority for the Downriver System; and to approve the use of not more than \$25,000 from the Downriver System's operating revenues to finance the cost of the sub-consultant, acting under the Downriver's Consulting firm of Hinshon Environmental Consulting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-270

5C. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Thomas Wilson, DPW Director, to authorize the emergency repair of the doors on Romulus Fire Department Vehicle R-3, by Expert Auto in the amount of \$943.90.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-271

5D. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Director of Human Resources/Labor Relations, Carol Mayerich to approve the Letter of Understanding between the City of Romulus and Teamsters Local 214, regarding Survivor Retirement Health Care Benefits and further request that this agreement be retroactive to July 15, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-272

6B. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the request of City Treasurer, Pamela Morrison-Kersey, to Receive and File Quarterly Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously,

08-273

11 A. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-15 in the dollar amount of Five Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Two Dollars and Sixty Seven Cents (\$589,502.67).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-274

11B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to authorize the Treasurer of the City of Romulus to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 08-15E in the dollar amount of Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and Zero Cent (\$12,195.00).

12. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 11, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
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SPORTS

Rivalry

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the final 5:36 but scored twice, too. Hamed snagged two other catches for a total of 127 yards.

In what seemed like a blink of an eye, Skubik found senior tight end Ronnis Goble on a seam route for a 24-yard score with 1:27 left. Sawchuk used his timeouts in proper fashion while his defense shut down Salem's attempt to run out the clock, but Skubik and company moved the ball down field and he completed a 21-yard score to senior wideout Connor McKinney with 13 seconds left. McKinney followed up with a two-point conversion catch, sending Plymouth to the locker room up, 34-0.

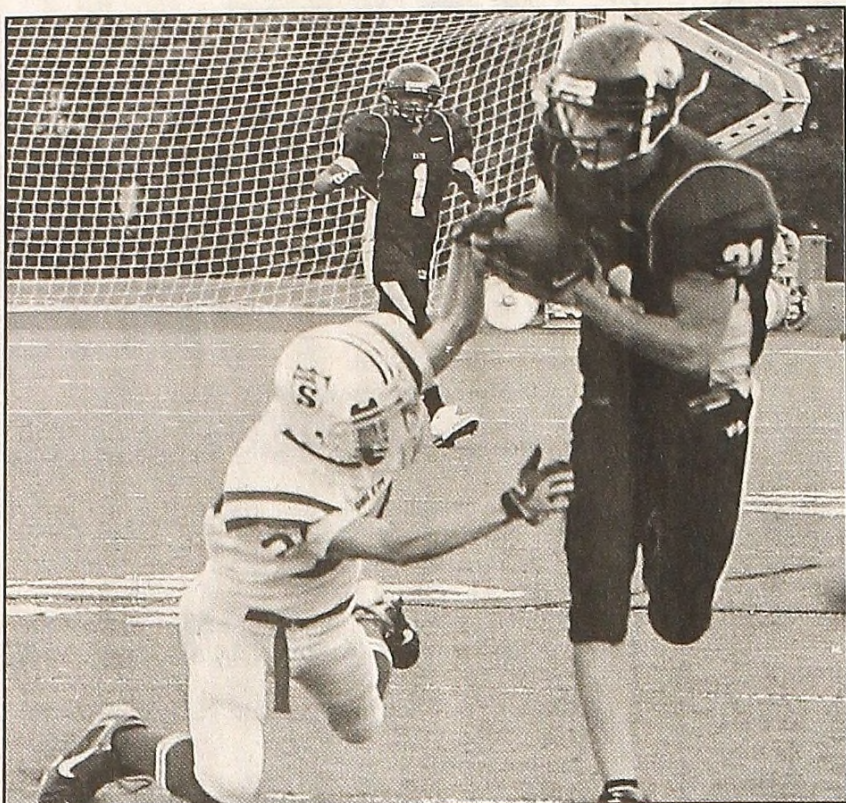
"It was two quick strikes," Sawchuk said. "They were pressing us and we just used our screen."

With 8:21 left in the third junior quarterback Ryan Berrera, in for a resting Skubik, delivered a 22-yard strike to McKinney for a tally. Brinza followed with the extra point and a 41-0 lead.

Salem's lone score came with 3:54 left in the third when senior running back Anthony Mullins dragged and pushed defenders 13 yards to the end zone. Sophomore Ethan Walsh made good on the extra point to make it 41-7.

Plymouth capped off the scoring with a 55-yard run by McKinney.

Salem's offense showed signs of brilliance behind senior quarterback Heath Parling, who was 9-of-16 for 67 yards. Senior flanker Shawn Lyons caught four passes for 40 yards. Senior linebacker Connor Martin led Plymouth with



Plymouth wide receiver Zach Hamed hauls one of his three passes for a total of 123 yards on Thursday night.

12 tackles on the night.

Junior linebacker Austin Root grabbed an interception for Salem.

The usually positive Salowich was at a loss for words. He had high expectations this year after a good off-season and promising scrimmage just weeks prior.

"Plymouth is a very good team, but we are very disappointed in our performance tonight," he said Thursday.

"The problem is, Plymouth scored on a big play and our chins went into our chests and we never recovered form that. That's what happens when you have 35 seniors and none of them step up and make a better play. It was the same recipe as last year. We can't carry

this attitude through the next eight games."

On the other side of the field, Sawchuk thought it was a good start to the season but said the Wildcats would get right back to business next week when they prepare for visiting Brighton.

"I don't let them get complacent whatsoever," he said. "I'm on them the whole time and they'll continue to work hard. Our goal every week is to get better. Our coaching staff and our kids know that we're not going to go light on them after this. They'll see Brighton and see how big they are."

Salem is at Walled Lake Northern—the only team Salem beat last year—at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Wayne Zebras lose in opening heartbreaker

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial fans celebrated in the stands and the Zebra sideline erupted in jubilation after Matt Mills hauled in a pass from his brother Nick and landed in the end zone Thursday.

It was the last play of the game, but the celebration was short-lived.

Referees ruled Matt Mills' knee was down before he crossed the goal line, so host Waterford Kettering escaped with a 14-7 victory.

"I thought he was in," said first year Wayne Coach Kevin Weber, "but you should never be in a situation where the referee can determine the outcome."

The touchdown that almost was would have given the Zebras a chance to at least tie the game with the hopes of winning in overtime. The play capped off a brilliant 65-yard, two-minute drive by Nick Mills in a hurry-up offense. Wayne landed inside the 10-yard line with six seconds to go before Mills found Mills on the one-inch mark.

It was a tough game from the start for the Zebras.

Wayne turned the ball over on the first play of the game. Kettering took advantage and scored for a 7-0 lead. The Zebras pulled things together on their next drive that senior quarterback Nick Kostora finished with a 29-yard touchdown run.

Things turned painful for Wayne again in the second quarter when Kostora went down with an injury, forcing him out of the game. Even

so, he finished with admirable stats. He was 6-for-12 through the air for 46 yards. He had three carries for 35 yards and the lone score.

That opened the door for Nick Mills, who was 6-for-18 for 66 yards and had one carry for 11 yards. Matt Mills finished with five receptions for 57 yards. C.J. Johnson snagged three for 20 yards and had two interceptions while on defense.

Another key loss was starting running back Richard Haley, who left the game with an undisclosed injury. Haley racked up 61 yards on 14 carries before leaving the game.

"Losing Kostora and Haley was tough, but (Nick) Mills played well and engineered a great drive," Weber said. "The guys played hard. I was proud of the way they fought after the injuries. They were down and hurt, and they fought all the way to the last play and literally the last inch of field." Kettering won the battle at the line.

They racked up 239 yards on 40 attempts in the ground attack to Wayne's 108 on 23 tries.

"Kettering played a solid game," Weber admitted. "They won the line of scrimmage and the team that does that wins. We made a lot of mental mistakes early with turnovers, offsides and dropped passes. Those things can't happen. Losing this game was tough, but we will bounce back. We have great senior leadership."

Wayne is back in action when they host Waterford Mott at 7 p.m. on Friday. Mott squeezed out a 7-0 victory against John Glenn on Thursday.

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Wayne Coach Kevin Weber

Kickers

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improved Glenn to 1-2-1. It could have an everlasting effect on the players' attitude, according to Mortada.

"This definitely builds a lot of confidence going from here," he said. "I am very proud of them and how they played together."

The Rockets head to cross-town rival Wayne for the first of two meetings this season at 4 p.m. today.

They host Walled Lake Northern at 4 p.m. on Friday. On Thursday,

the Rockets head to a tough Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m.

Zebra soccer falls to Clarenceville

The Wayne Zebras fell to an unbeaten Livonia Clarenceville, 1-0, last Thursday. Wayne will match up well against visiting neighborhood rival Glenn at 4 p.m. today.

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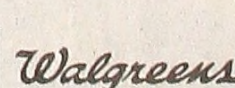
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TRAITOR

Oscar worthy lead actor's performance elevates film

Score another hit for Don Cheadle. Cheadle, (*Talk to Me*, *Oceans 11*, *Rosewood*) who was nominated for an Academy Award for his lead role as Paul Rusesabagina in *Hotel Rwanda* could be in line for another nomination with his performance as a conflicted American Muslim in *Traitor*.

In *Traitor*, Cheadle plays Samir Horn, a Sudan born former U.S soldier and special ops agent who served America's interests in conflicts abroad but now is suspected of becoming one of the bad guys.

Playing off the backdrop of current events surrounding the War on Terror, the movie begins with Horn amongst a dozen people arrested by authorities in Yemen (along with the help of FBI agents) for terrorism. While in prison he befriends Omar (Saïd Taghmaoui) a man connected with one of the largest terrorists cells in the world.

Omar and his team break out of prison along with Samir. In return for his newly found freedom, Samir agrees to train young terrorists how to make and ignite bombs.

After a bombing of U.S Embassy in Europe, Samir becomes the lead suspect and the highest priority for FBI agent Roy Clayton (Guy Pierce)

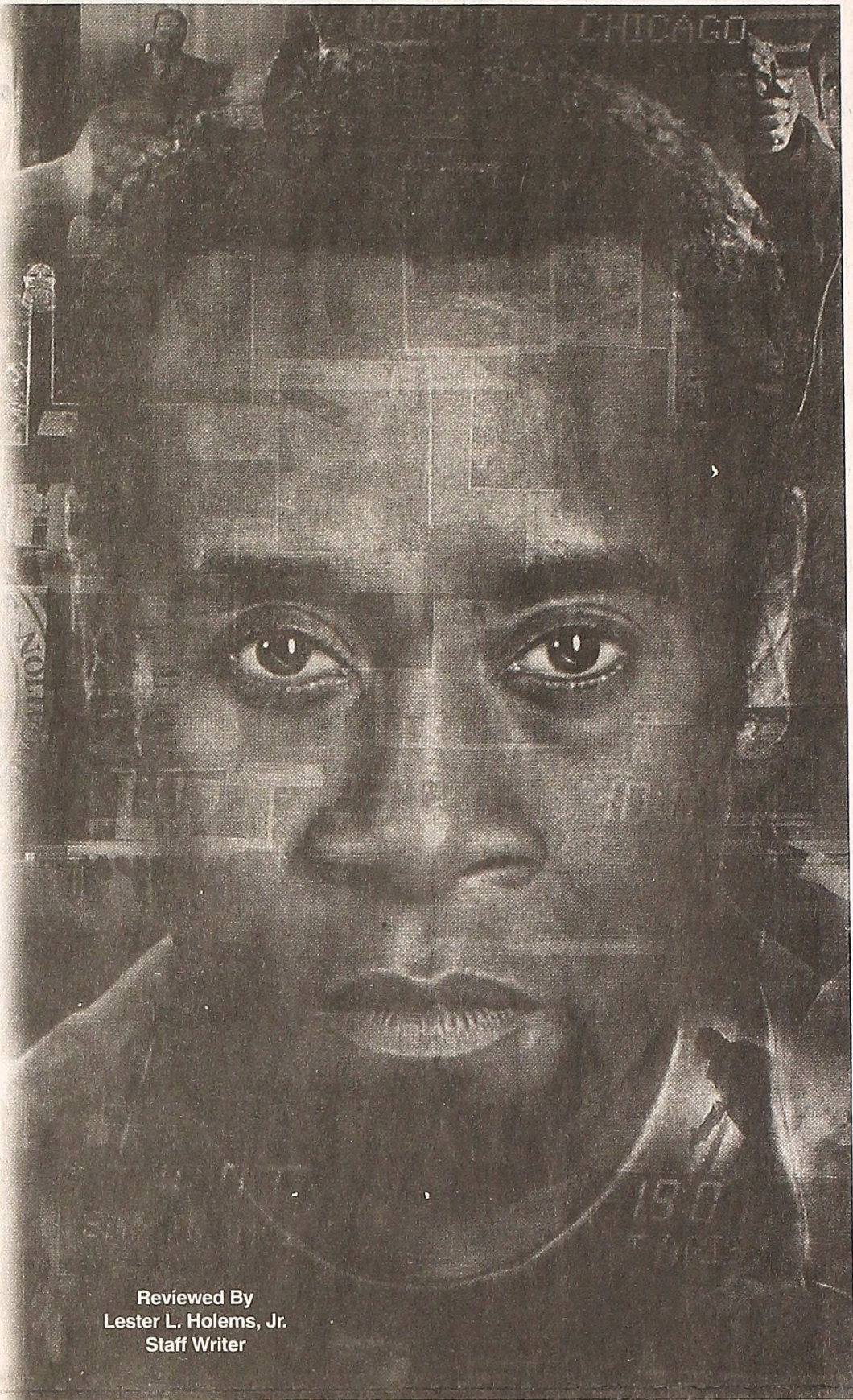
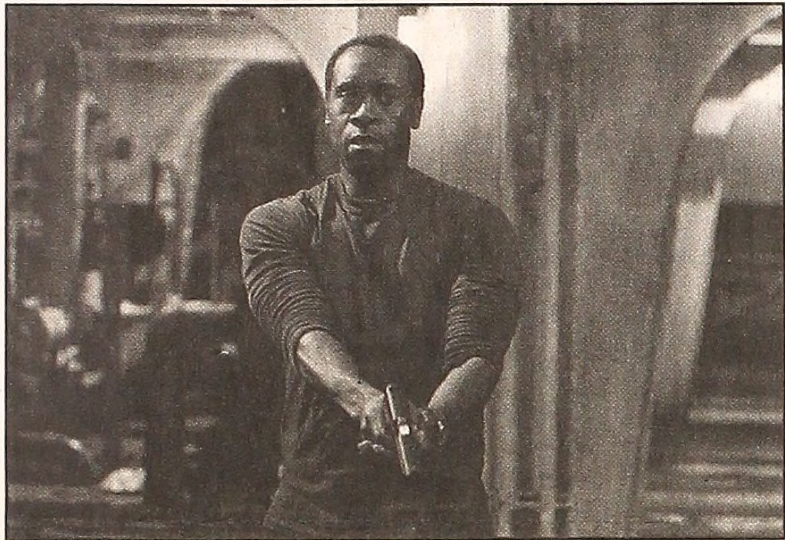
After eluding authorities in Europe, using various tricks and stunts that would leave the most imaginative spy movie buff scratching their head, Samir and Omar are given the task of planning a terrorist attack on U.S soil. However before the attack takes place, Samir has a secret meeting with Carter, (Jeff Bridges) a high-ranking CIA official. Why did they meet? You have to watch the movie to find out.

In addition to providing the audience with the ups and downs of a psychological thriller, the movie also deals with a Samir's conflict as a man of deep Muslim faith over his role of

being a murderer of "innocents" as well as Clayton, the son of an evangelical pastor who must come to grips with his beliefs in order to find out the truth about Samir.

The movie is a treat for those who enjoy an intelligent film without the blood and gore a movie about terrorism could represent.

This is a quality film with a quality actor in the lead.

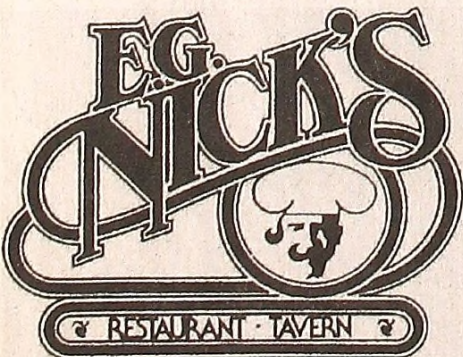


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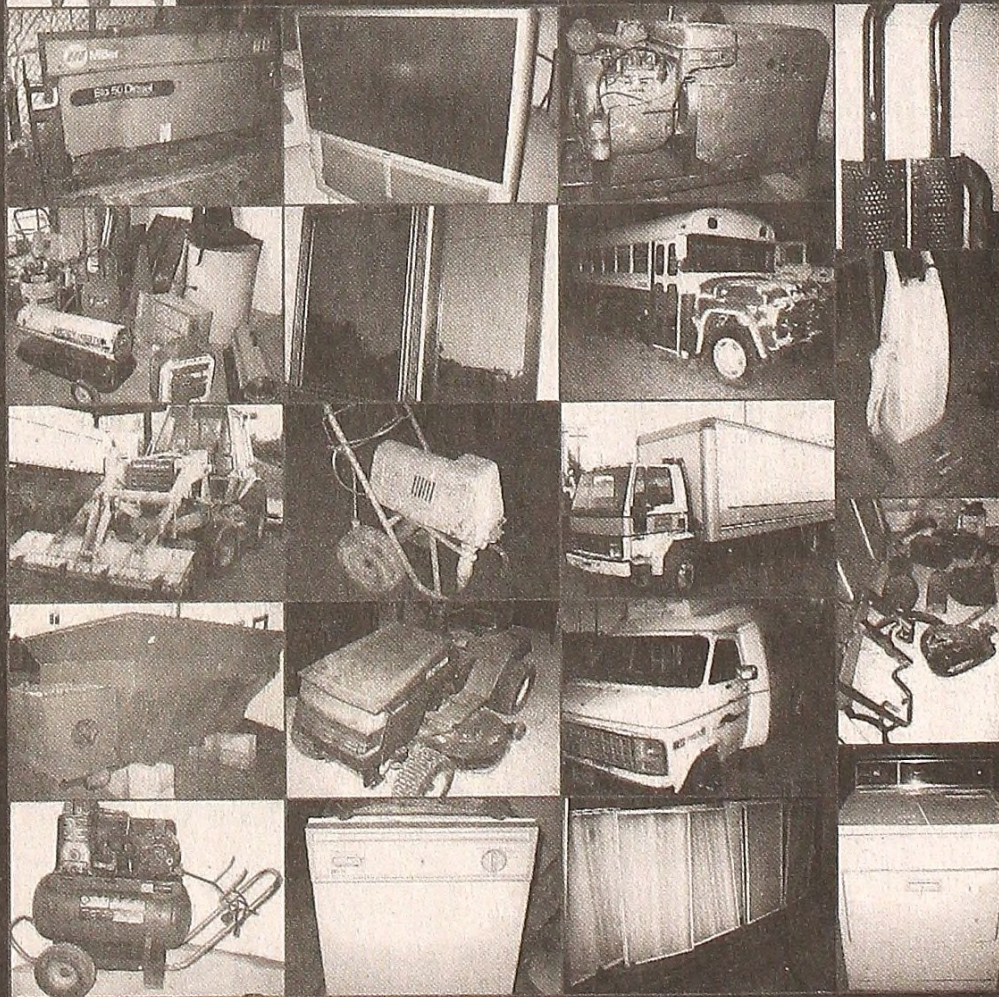
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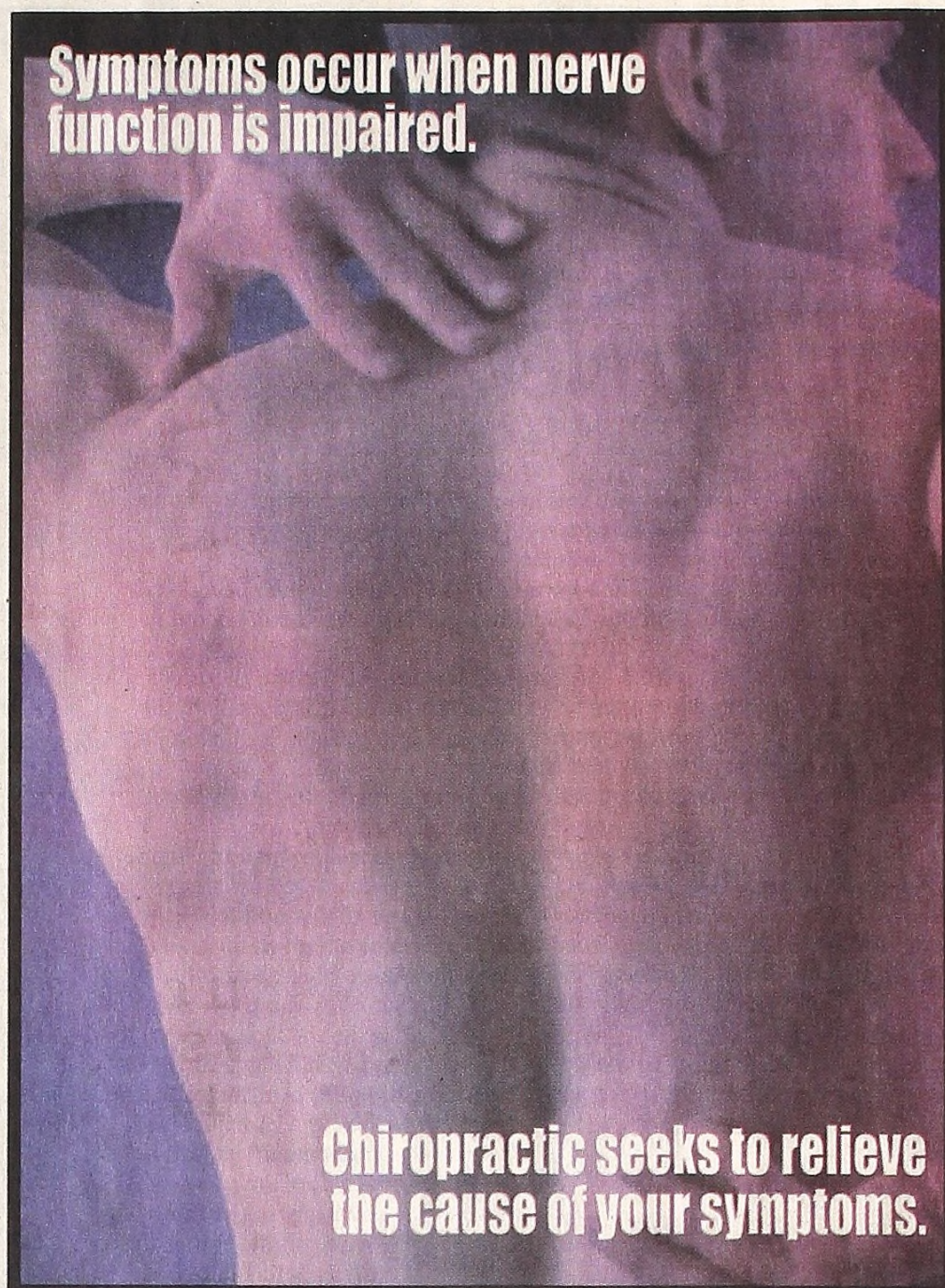
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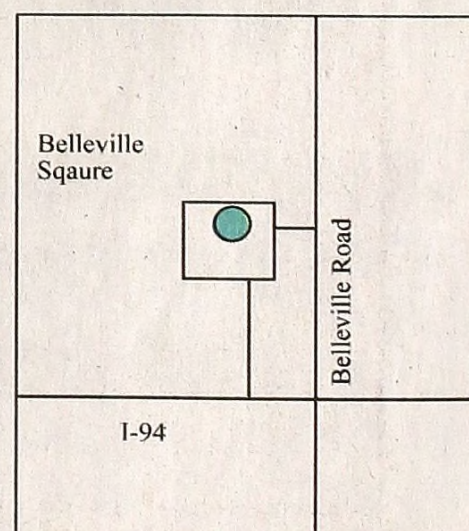
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